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Glenda Lindseth presents "Food for Thought" in faculty lecture today

Can a balanced diet make you smarter? In the next installment of the Faculty Lecture Series, Glenda Lindseth will reveal how nutrition affects cognitive thought in her lecture: "Food for Thought: Nutrition and Cognition." The lecture will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 4:30 p.m. in the North Dakota Museum of Art. A 4 p.m. reception will precede the lecture, which is free and open to the public.

Lindseth is a professor of nursing practice and role development and associate dean, and director of the College of Nursing Office of Research.

Lindseth and her UND colleagues are currently wrapping up a four-year Department of Defense study involving the effects of diet on cognition and flight performance. "My work essentially involves an examination of the effects of manipulating macronutrients (fat, protein, and carbohydrates) in the diets of healthy young adults and then measuring the effect that it has on cognition scores" said Lindseth. "Results are indicating that flight performance scores for pilots consuming high-fat and carbohydrate diets are significantly better than for pilots who consumed high-protein diets, suggesting that a brief manipulation of diet could significantly impact performance on a test of short-term memory scanning and flight performance."

Lindseth will review the details of the Dietary Effects On Cognition and Flight Performance study as well as her plans to translate the results. "One of my most recent projects is the implementation of a Translational Research Planning Grant that will allow UND to plan and develop a proposal for a UND Center for Translational Research" she said. That center would assist researchers in translating their research so the results will be applicable to the community. Lindseth was also a key player in securing nearly \$4 million in grant funding to build a 30,000-square-foot state-of-the-art Behavioral Research Center. The Center will house multidisciplinary behavioral research for nursing and psychology research teams and provide training for health care staff.

An extensive list of publications, research grants, special lectures, and awards offer a mere glimpse into the effect Lindseth's research has had on the field of nursing and dietetics. Her extensive multidisciplinary research portfolio includes funded studies addressing behaviorally based nutritional interventions, and she is a Fellow of both the American Dietetic Association and the American Academy of Nursing. Awards received include the UND Founders Day Faculty Scholar Award, U.S. Air Force Recognition Award, the American Dietetic Association Service Recognition Award, North Dakota Nurses Association Research Nurse of the Year, and the Sigma Theta Tau Outstanding Researcher Award.

Lindseth received her undergraduate degree at North Dakota State University in Fargo, a Master of Nursing from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and her Ph.D. in nursing curriculum and instruction from Saint Louis University in Missouri. She also completed NIH-sponsored post-doctoral study at Wayne State University in Detroit.

The UND Faculty Lecture Series is planned by Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors, who hold the University's highest faculty honor, and is funded by the Office of the President.

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Farewell reception will honor Peter Alfonso

Members of the campus community and the Greater Grand Forks community are invited to a farewell reception for Peter Alfonso, UND's vice president for research since 2002, on Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the North Dakota Museum of Art.

Dr. Alfonso has resigned his position at UND to accept a position at the University of Rhode Island. Please join me in thanking Dr. Alfonso and his wife, Polly, a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, for their service to UND and extending to them a fond farewell. - Charles E. Kupchella, President.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Physical Education and Exercise Science candidate to give presentation

John Buckwalter will give his research presentation on "Sympathetic Vasoconstriction to Active Skeletal Muscle" from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Badlands Room, Memorial Union. Dr. Buckwalter is a candidate for the chair position in the Department of Physical Education and Exercise Science.

Dr. Buckwalter received his Ph.D. in 1995 from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in kinesiology, with an emphasis in exercise physiology. He is an associate professor in the Department of Anesthesiology, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

-- Dr. Sandra Short, Assoc. Professor/Chair, Physical Education & Exercise Science,
sandra_short@und.nodak.edu, 777-4325

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CSD candidate presents lecture Feb. 9

Monika Pawlowska will address faculty and students in communication sciences and disorders at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, in 201 Montgomery Hall. Her talk is titled "Factors Accounting for the Ability of Children with Specific Language Impairment to Learn Verb Agreement Morphemes in Intervention." She is a candidate for the position of assistant professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Dr. Pawlowska obtained her Ph.D. in English linguistics from Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland, in 1999 with a focus on grammaticalization in language history and language acquisition. She is a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., since 2003. She is currently examining the effects of language intervention on the acquisition of agreement morphemes in children with specific language impairment. The public is invited.

-- Manish Rami, Chair, Search Committee, Communication Sciences and Disorders, manish.rami@und.edu, 7-3724

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Physics colloquium is Feb. 9

A physics colloquium will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, in 211 Witmer Hall. Pete Border from the University of Minnesota will address "Teaching with Video Games."

Modern video games are amazing things: they are essentially simulated worlds and can take as much as 100 hours of dedicated play, practice and research to complete. They are also very popular. Most American teenagers play games several times a week. Parents and teachers frequently lament the amount of time spent on them, but to their players games are about practice, solving puzzles, finding answers, and doing research online, which are all good 21st-century skills. Border will talk about harnessing the incredible interest and concentration devoted to gameplay and using it for teaching. This is certainly not a new idea, but there have been many recent advances in the field, and new groups of researchers are studying how to make games that teach. He will also describe courses on "Game Design" at UMC-online, "Physics for Game Designers" at UMN-TC and "Edutainment" at MCAD.

Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30 p.m. in 215 Witmer Hall.

-- *Connie Cicha, Administrative Secretary, Physics, connie_cicha@und.nodak.edu, 7-2911*

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Enjoy bluegrass festival at Empire Feb. 10

The Prairiegrass Bluegrass Festival will be held at the Empire Arts Center Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m.

Prairiegrass, a group of Red River Valley musicians, is hosting the festival which features Prairiegrass, Prairie Rose, and the Polk County String Band. An excellent mix of contemporary, traditional, and gospel bluegrass music can be expected for all ages.

Prairiegrass members are from Grand Forks, Newfolden, Minn., and Thief River Falls, Minn. They have performed at the Empire, First Night Grand Forks, and Grand Forks Art Fest. Prairiegrass will entertain the audience with accomplished fiddle music, driving bluegrass banjo, and inspiring harmony.

Prairie Rose is a contemporary bluegrass group from Grand Forks demonstrating top quality vocal talent from two sisters backed up on guitar by their father. The talented daughters are outstanding and sure to inspire the audience.

Polk County String Band is from Crookston, Minn., and presents a new approach to bluegrass music. Young and energetic, Polk County already has a following from Crookston and is sure to provide excitement for the crowd. The band features mandolin, guitar, and banjo for contemporary bluegrass arrangements.

Tickets are available at Empire Arts Center at the door before the show for \$10.

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UND chapter of Phi Beta Lambda celebrates 35th anniversary

The UND chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) will celebrate its 35th anniversary during FBLA-PBL week with a potluck dessert party to be held at 7 p.m Sunday, Feb. 11, in 145 Gamble Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for our celebration.

FBLA-PBL is a nonprofit vocational student organization that prepares students for careers in business and business education. Its 250,000 plus-members and advisors in 12,000 chartered chapters include students from

the United States, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Europe. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. To learn more, contact UND chapter president Megan Thomas at megster_50@hotmail.com.

-- Cullen Goenner, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, cullen.goenner@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-3353

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UND alum to speak on trends in tourism, recreation Feb. 12

Trends in tourism and recreation are the topic of a presentation by Norma Nickerson, an alumnus of the recreation and leisure services degree program at UND. The presentation will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, in Room 109, Education Building. The public is welcome to attend.

Nickerson earned a bachelor's degree from UND with a major in recreation, and later completed a Ph.D. in recreation and leisure at the University of Utah. She is a professor in the School of Forestry and Conservation at the University of Montana, and is director of Montana's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research.

Nickerson received the Outstanding RLS alumnus award from the UND recreation and leisure services program in 2004. An active researcher in the field of tourism and outdoor recreation, she has authored many articles, book chapters and research reports, and is a frequent presenter at tourism conferences. An editor for several tourism journals, she is active in many organizations, such as the Travel and Tourism Research Association and Travel Industry Association.

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Doctoral examination set for Rhonda Peters

The final examination for Rhonda Peters, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in engineering, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in Room 166 (dean's conference room), Upson II Hall. The dissertation title is "Development and Parameter Refinement of a Dynamic Simulation Model of a Fixed Speed Stall Control Wind Turbine Under Start-Up Conditions." Hossein Salehfar (engineering) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.
-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4005

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Spring semester book study begins Feb. 13

Join us for a conversation about Kurt Vonnegut's latest book, "A Man Without A Country," just out in paperback, at noon Tuesdays, Feb. 13, 20 and 27, at the Christus Rex Lutheran Campus Center.

Vonnegut challenges contemporary culture through this reflection on life, religion and politics with a mix of whimsy, cynicism and hope. This read is certain to prompt some lively discussion. Books are available at the Christus Rex office for a reduced cost of \$10. Reserve one with an e-mail reply or by calling 775-5581. Snacks and coffee are provided; bring a brown bag lunch if you wish.

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Global Visions film series presents "Junebug" Feb. 13

The Global Visions Film Series brings an exciting array of films to the community of Grand Forks for the fourth consecutive year. All films are free and open to the public and are held Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union.

"Junebug" (U.S.), will be shown Feb. 13. This film is a movie that understands, profoundly and with love and sadness, the world of small towns; it captures ways of talking and living the director remembers from his childhood, with the complexity and precision of great fiction. It observes small details that are important because they are details. It has sympathy for every character in the story and avoids two temptations: it doesn't portray the small-town characters as provincial hicks, and it doesn't portray the city slickers as shallow materialists. Phil Morrison, who directed this movie, and Angus MacLachlan, who wrote it, understand how people everywhere have good intentions, and how life can assign them roles where they can't realize them.

Other films are:

- * "Woman Is the Future of Man" (Korea), Feb. 27.
- * "The Forsaken Land" (Sri-Lanka), March 6.
- * "The Cuckoo" (Russian), March 20.
- * "Take My Eyes" (Spain), April 3.
- * "Broken Wings" (Jewish), April 17.
- * "Me, You, Them" (Brazil), May 1.

Two films are shown per month; they are sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and are funded by the Multicultural Awareness Committee. Global Visions Film Series is currently the only venue in Grand Forks to view independent films from a wide variety of contemporary film makers from around the world. Last Fall, the series presented films from South Africa, Senegal, India, France, Ireland, and Korea; this spring, the series continues with films from a variety of global settings that include the United States, Sri-Lanka, Russia, and Spain.

The goal of the series is to offer the community a place to see international films that address the diversity of creative ideas people have in exploring the human condition. "We really want to give the community and students the opportunity to think and question how people solve real-life events from relationships to war, to hunger, to violence and love," said Dr. Mikulak, director of the series. "These films talk about being human."

Filmgoers are encouraged to come early to ensure a seat. -- Marcia Mikulak, assistant professor of anthropology, 777-4718.

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Box lunch session will focus on models of distance learning

UND, like many institutions (especially in these areas of shrinking populations) has been moving very heavily into distance education. The bad news is that teaching well with distance students demands new tools and techniques. The good news is that learning to use those new tools and techniques effectively and comfortably can enable you to create really outstanding distance courses and, in many cases, enhance your face-to-face teaching as well.

The Feb. 14 On Teaching session will be from noon to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Room, Memorial Union. They will discuss "Models of Distance Learning at UND," which will feature six individuals with expertise and interest in various kinds of distance education. You'll get a chance to hear how they use techniques as varied as game-based learning, lectures and study guides on video, streaming video, assignments and testing on the Internet, and various technological tools for interaction (HTMLeZ, Blackboard, and Breeze) to enhance student learning in distance education courses. Thomasine Heitkamp (social work), Craig McLaughlin (space studies), Janet Rex (library), Richard Schultz (electrical engineering), and Rick Van Eck (teaching and learning/instructional design and technology), and Julie Zikmund (nutrition and dietetics) will share their experiences in this "round table" discussion of distance learning and the accompanying technologies. To register and reserve a free box lunch, e-

mail Jana Hollands by NOON Monday, Feb. 12, at jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu, or call at 777-4998.
-- Joan Hawthorne, Assistant Provost of Assessment, Academic Affairs, joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu,
777-4684

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Annual key inventory meeting is Feb. 14

The campus-wide key meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, in the Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union. The key inventory packets will be ready for pick-up prior to the meeting at 8:30 a.m. All persons responsible for issuing keys should attend. — Larry Zitzow (facilities), chair, key policy administration committee.

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New employee orientation rescheduled

Please make note on your calendars that new employee orientation for Feb. 13 has been moved to Thursday, Feb. 15, at 9 a.m. in 305 Twamley Hall.
-- Joy Johnson, Human Resources Officer, Office of Human Resources, joyjohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-4367

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10th annual Great Backyard Bird Count is Feb. 16-19

The 10th annual Great Backyard Bird Count is Feb. 16-19. Hosted by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, this national event provides an opportunity for everyone to help with a research project. Researchers at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology need your help to determine where birds are living during the winter. Watch for birds in your backyard, then go to the web site www.birdsource.org/gbbc to report the birds that you saw. Come to the Bird Count Kick-off at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Grand Forks Park District Office, 1210 Seventh Ave. S., where Dave Lambeth will give a bird identification presentation. Encourage your friends and family to participate. Science is for everyone with the Dakota Science Center.

What mid-winter activity is fun, easy, free, and helps bird conservation? What can parents and teachers do with children that connects them to a whole new world of natural wonders? People of all ages, from beginners to experts, are invited to join this event which spans all of the United States and Canada. Participants can take part wherever they are – at home, in schoolyards, at local parks or wildlife refuges. Observers simply count the highest number of each species they see during an outing or a sitting, and enter their tally on the Great Backyard Bird Count web site at www.birdsource.org/gbbc.

Visitors to the web site can also compare their sightings with results from other participants, as checklists pour in from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Together, these counts offer a real-time snapshot of the numbers and kinds of birds that people are finding, from boreal chickadees in Alaska to aningas in Florida. Last year, participants submitted more than 60,000 checklists – and reported 7.5 million birds overall and 623 different species. The count helped chronicle the early spring migratory routes of sandhill cranes, documented lingering migrants such as orange-crowned warblers and tree swallows, revealed the ongoing range expansion of introduced Eurasian collared-doves, and recorded declining numbers of American crows. The Great Backyard Bird Count web site offers identification tips and access to photos, sounds, maps, and natural history information on more than 500 bird species. People can also submit photos to an online gallery showcasing the dazzling array of winter birds found during the GBBC.

For more information, visit www.birdsource.org/gbbc. Our national network of community-based nature centers and chapters, scientific and educational programs, and advocacy on behalf of areas sustaining important bird populations, engage millions of people of all ages and backgrounds in conservation. The Mission of the Dakota Science Center is to encourage lifelong curiosity and fascination with science in children, parents, teachers, and the community through discovery, exploration and interaction.

UND Winnipeg field trip set

The UND field trip to le Festival du Voyageur in Winnipeg is set for Saturday, Feb. 17. For details, visit the web site www.ifmidwest.org and click on "News," or contact me. -- Virgil Benoit, Languages, 777-4659.

U2 lists workshops

Below are U2 workshops for Feb. 9-28. Visit our Web site for additional workshops. The Spring Newsletter should arrive in your mailbox next week.

Payment Processing, Feb. 21, 1 to 3 p.m.,
Memorial Union, River Valley Room
Learn the process for Purchase Orders, Blanket Purchase Orders and Vouchers. Presenter: Allison Peyton.

Facilities Discoverer Reports Training, Feb. 26, 2 to 3 p.m.
Upson II, Room 361
The billing charges from Facilities will be posted to PeopleSoft in a summarized format. To access the detailed information, each department will need to have access to Discoverer Reports and be trained on how to access the detail and summary information for their departments. These reports will break down the charges by individual work orders and/or projects. Presenter: Laura Thoreson.

Records Disposal Procedures, Feb. 15, 1 to 2 p.m.
Skalicky Tech Incubator, Room 211
During this workshop you will learn more about the process for destroying or transferring records that have passed their retention time limits. We'll review the system used, discuss why it's necessary to document, and you will take part in a hands-on run-through of the entire process. It's fun to clean out, it's easier to do than you think, and now's the time to do it! Presenter: Chris Austin, Records Manager.

Performance Management and Progressive Discipline, Feb. 20, 9 to 11 a.m.
305 Twamley Hall
Supervisors will learn the fundamentals of conducting honest, fair, and consistent evaluations and receive guidelines for using a progressive discipline system. Presenter: Joy Johnson and Desi Sporbert.

*Data Protection and Privacy, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. to noon
This workshop will introduce secure practices for handling and storing sensitive University and personal data. Topics will include: practices and configurations for securing your operating system, web browser, e-mail, and other software applications, protecting your personal information online, security software for your computer, and encrypting sensitive data. Presenter: Brad Miller, IT security officer.

Defensive Driving, Feb. 20, 6 to 10 p.m.
Skalicky Tech Incubator, Room 211
This workshop is required by State Fleet for all UND employees who drive State Fleet vehicles on a regular (monthly) basis, received a traffic violation, or had an accident while operating a State Fleet vehicle. Employees are encouraged to bring a family member (spouse and/or dependents). This workshop may also reduce your North Dakota insurance premiums and could possibly remove points from your driving record. Presenter: Officer Dan Lund.

Diversity Management: Past, Present, and Future, Feb. 15, 2 to 3 p.m.
305 Twamley Hall

Drawing from his most recent book, "Building on the Promise of Diversity," Dr. Thomas will detail the evolution of diversity in the United States with particular focus on how it has evolved, is evolving, and is likely to evolve in the future. In addition, he will explore the reasons why the evolution has slowed, emphasizing the traditional view that diversity is an extension of the Civil Rights Movement's agenda as a principal reason for the current stagnation. Join us for this stimulating presentation about the challenges and opportunities surrounding the issue of diversity.

Please reserve your seat by registering with U2 by: Phone 777-2128, Email U2@mail.und.nodak.edu, or Online www.conted.und.edu/U2/. Please Include: (1) Workshop Title/ Date, (2) Name, (3) Department, (4) Position, (5) Box #, (6) Phone #, (7) E-mail, and (8) How you first learned about this workshop? Thank you for registering in advance; it helps us plan for materials and number of seats.

-- Mark Wilkerson, U2 Coordinator, University within the University, markwilkerson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4266

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Feast of Nations tickets on sale at International Centre

The 45th annual Feast of Nations is set for Saturday, Feb. 24. Tickets are on sale now at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave.; prices are \$15 for adults, \$7 for students/children, and \$180 for one table reservation (10 seats). The International Centre is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 10 p.m. weekends. For more information, call 777-4231.

-- Enru Wang, Faculty Asvisor, International Organization, erwang@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4590

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Presidents Day is holiday

Monday, Feb. 19, Presidents Day, will be observed as a holiday by faculty and staff members of the University. Only those employees designated by their department heads will be required to work on this holiday. -- Greg Weisenstein, vice president for academic affairs and provost, and Diane Nelson, director, human resources.

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Nomination deadline for Kupchella Award is March 1

Nominations for the Charles E. Kupchella Preventive Medicine and Wellness Award are due no later than Thursday, March 1, at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Letters of nomination and supporting materials are due by 5 p.m. March 1, in the Office of Public Affairs, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 501 N. Columbia Road Stop 9037, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9037.

The award recognizes the achievements of individuals and organizations who have worked to improve health and wellness through lowered rates of disease and disability by developing and delivering effective health promotion and prevention initiatives.

Named for the current president of UND, the Kupchella Wellness Award will be presented in May at UND's Doctor of Medicine Class of '07 commencement awards brunch. This will be the second time this award has been given. Last year's recipients were the Ina Mae Rude Aquatic Center in Stanley, N.D., and Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, associate professor of clinical neuroscience and director of the Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research at the UND medical school.

UND is seeking nominations of individuals and organizations in North Dakota and surrounding states who have

contributed significantly to disease prevention and healthful living. Consideration will be given to those who have:

- * made significant contributions in the field of health promotion and disease prevention including the clinical, education and research areas
- * demonstrated excellence in a function or on a project related to prevention or health promotion
- * taken initiative, shown innovativeness, persistence, has an impact and/or made a difference in prevention/health promotion to rural Americans

Projects may address one or more of the goals and focus areas outlined in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services "Healthy People 2010: Understanding and Improving Health" and "Steps to a Healthier US". See www.healthypeople.gov/ or call 800-367-4725 for more information. Areas of special interest are:

- * Promotion of physical activity
- * Reduction of overweight or obesity
- * Reduction or elimination of tobacco use
- * Reduction or elimination of substance abuse
- * Promotion of responsible sexual behavior
- * Reduction or elimination of injury and violence

The nomination should briefly address the following:

- * Why should this individual (or organization) be considered for this award?
- * What are the key outcomes and achievements of the program, policy, contribution or initiative?
- * Describe the nominee's accomplishments; attach CV (up to three letters of support may be included)

Emphasis will be given to programs that demonstrate creativity and innovation, leadership, sustainability, replicability and effectiveness.

The award recipient will receive a \$1,000 cash award and a commemorative plate. A picture of the recipient will be displayed on a plaque in UND's Student Wellness Center.

The award has been made possible by a gift to the UND Foundation from Manuchair Ebadi, senior advisor to the president and associate vice president for health affairs and medical research at UND and associate dean for research and program development at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 701-777-4305.

-- Shelley Pohlman, Asst. to the Director, Public Affairs, spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-4305

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Educational Leadership doctoral program begins new cycle in May

The doctoral program in Educational Leadership (EDL) will begin a new cycle this May in Fargo. The program is offered by the Department of Educational Leadership, College of Education and Human Development, in cooperation with the Division of Continuing Education, Distance Degree Programs and Fargo Outreach.

The program prepares faculty and staff for upper-level administrative or scholarly positions in P-12 schools, higher education, or other non-profit educational settings. It is designed for working professionals who want to pursue doctoral study.

The EDL Program provides:

- an opportunity for self-reflection and career renewal,
- added credentials and increased opportunities for professional advancement,
- new knowledge and skill sets, including research and assessment skills, needed to be successful as an educational leader, and
- a network of other professionals important to career success.

Graduates will be able to:

- fulfill the demand for educational administrators who possess the knowledge, vision, and integrity needed to lead successfully
- develop strategic plans for organizations that create real value for students, faculty, and partners
- explore new strategies for responding to change and delivering value in educational services

The EDL Program is offered face-to-face in Fargo every four years. The next cycle of the EDL Program is scheduled to begin May 2007 in Fargo. Review of applications submitted to the UND Graduate School will begin March 1. Another cycle is planned to begin in Grand Forks in May 2009 and Fargo in May 2011. Space is limited, so get started today to ensure placement in the EDL Program. Please share this information with any faculty and staff who would benefit from completing doctoral study in educational leadership.

To get started contact:

UND Distance Degree Programs, Division of Continuing Education

Web: www.conted.und.edu/ddp/doc_edl

Phone: 1.877.450.1842 (toll free) or 701.777.4884

E-mail: distancedegreeprograms@mail.und.edu

For curriculum questions contact:

P-12 School Focus: Dr. Gary Schnellert - gary.schnellert@und.nodak.edu

Higher Education Focus: Dr. Margaret A. Healy - margaret.healy@und.nodak.edu

-- Jennifer Swangler, Marketing Coordinator, Division of Continuing Education,
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Founders Day banquet tickets should be purchased by Feb. 12

Tickets for the 2007 UND Founders Day banquet are now on sale. This year's event will be held Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Memorial Union Ballroom. The pre-banquet social with musical entertainment will begin at 5:45 p.m. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The annual Founders Day banquet commemorates the founding of UND in 1883, and this year's theme will focus on the 100th anniversary of the Adelphi Fountain. Faculty and staff with 25 years of service to UND will be honored along with retired and retiring faculty and staff with 15 or more years of service to the University. Awards for outstanding teaching, research, service, and advising will be presented to faculty members and departments.

Tickets for the banquet can be purchased through the campus mail until Feb. 12. UND employees received a flyer describing the Founders Day celebration and the ticket purchase procedure. This information is also available under the Founders Day link at <http://sos.und.edu/ceremony.html>. Please use the order form from that flyer to purchase your tickets. Departments may reserve tables by using the order form or by calling the number listed on the flyer. Tickets are \$15 each; a limited number of seats are available. Tickets should be purchased by Monday, Feb. 12.

Please call Terri Machart in the Vice President for Student and Outreach Services Office at 777-2724 if you have questions.

-- Fred Wittmann, Director, Ceremonies and Special Events, fredwittmann@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4267

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Please note special IRS instructions for claiming tuition deductions

Note the special IRS instructions for taxpayers who want to claim the above-the-line tuition deduction.

Congress belatedly reinstated the tuition and fees tax deduction in December retroactively (it had expired Jan. 1, 2006). The IRS had already sent its paper forms to the printer before Congress acted, so there is no place on the form 1040 for the deduction. Further, IRS needs to reprogram its software (and so will the online and software providers) to allow for the deduction, so the key piece of advice is that no returns claiming the tuition and fee deduction should be filed until early February. More information including instructions on how to fill out paper forms, is available at: www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=165640,00.html . - Payroll.

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Schedule an SGID in your classroom

Arrangements for SGIDs (small group instructional diagnosis, a process for soliciting student feedback at midterm) can be made now. SGIDs are done by trained faculty who work as facilitators for the process in colleagues' classrooms. A facilitator will collect information from your students, write it up into a report for you, and provide you with high-quality student input regarding their learning at mid-semester, rather than waiting until semester's end when course evaluations are completed. Furthermore, the interactive nature of the process can motivate students to think more carefully and deeply, so SGID feedback is often more thorough, providing you with a clear understanding of student perceptions. SGIDs are intended to be formative (i.e., for your own benefit as a teacher) rather than summative (for a promotion and tenure file). To schedule an SGID, please contact Jana Hollands at jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu or 777-4998. For questions about the process, contact Joan Hawthorne at joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu or 7-4684.

-- Joan Hawthorne, Assistant Provost, Provost Office, joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu, 7-4684

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NATURE program seeks faculty participation

The NATURE program seeks faculty participation. Nurturing American Tribal Undergraduate Research and Education (NATURE) is an outreach project aimed at improving science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education among North Dakota tribal college and tribal high school students. This N.D. EPSCoR-sponsored project supports participation between math, science and engineering faculty from UND and NDSU to collaborate with North Dakota tribal colleges in this outreach effort.

Major programs of this project include: a summer camp for tribal college students and faculty at NDSU, summer camps for high school students at four tribal colleges, and Sunday Academies during the academic year. For its second year, 2006–2007, the project will develop activities focusing on environment, renewable energy, and nanotechnology. Students form mentor-style relationships with professors at the state's research universities. They learn to perform cutting-edge research experiments that incorporate American Indian culture while building problem-solving skills. During summer NATURE camp, students perform research experiments in University labs and in the field under faculty guidance.

The project team is currently seeking additional faculty participation from both UND and NDSU campuses. Attracting Native American students to advanced STEM courses at high school levels and nurturing them into STEM careers through continuing education in two-year and four-year colleges are major education challenges facing North Dakota and the nation. We believe that we can make a difference by working together. Interested

faculty members should contact Gary Johnson (GaryEJohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-2492) at UND or Wei Lin (wei.lin@ndsu.edu, 701-231-6288) at NDSU.

-- Gary E Johnson, Assistant VP for Research and Co-Project Director, ND EPSCoR, garyejohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7017772492

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Second Avenue will close between Hyslop, new parking structure

The portion of Second Avenue between the Hyslop Sports Center and the parking ramp will be closed Monday, Feb. 19, through midsummer to allow the contractors more room for construction. Foot traffic should be uninterrupted. Traffic will be permitted to go north on Cornell Street between Swanson Hall and the ramp, but since trucks will continue exiting this direction as well, it could get busy. -- Facilities.

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Big Event program seeks volunteers

It will be time for the Big Event sooner that we think. A goal of the 125 Year Celebration Events Committee is to dramatically expand the volunteer involvement of faculty, staff, and administration in this service to the community event Saturday, April 14. We want to move toward that goal this year. The event is managed by Student Government but it is intended to be an opportunity for the entire University community to give back to our community.

Here are some examples of the kind of work that is done: wash windows, clean up a yard or a park, type or hand write a letter. These projects are done for organizations and individuals who need the assistance and cannot do it for themselves. Churches are asked to find seniors or disabled people who need help. Service organizations are a prime target. City government is as well. A request can be made for any project. It will be evaluated to determine if it can be accomplished and if there are volunteers who can handle it.

You can help in two ways. You can make any organization you are associated with aware that they can apply for assistance and you can identify citizens who need help. You would tell them to contact (thebigevent@und.nodak.edu.) The appropriate forms will be forwarded to you or the appropriate person. The second way you can help is to personally volunteer on the Saturday (usually in April) when this event is scheduled. Over 650 UND students volunteered last year and only about 10 faculty and staff did. President Kupchella and many of the senior administrators gave their time and energy. Let's join them! To manage the work load, student government expects all volunteers to register. To register, contact them at the same e-mail address (thebigevent@und.nodak.edu) and they will furnish you with the volunteer registration form.

-- Don Lemon, chair, 125th Year Celebration Events Committee

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Technology Transfer & Commercialization office temporarily relocated

Due to construction within the Division of Research, the Technology Transfer and Commercialization office is temporarily located in 105 Twamley Hall, as of Friday, Feb. 2.

Telephone numbers and box number remain the same.

-- Jim Petell, Director, Technology Transfer & Commercialization, jimpetell@mail.und.edu, 7-6772

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Proposals sought for Family Connections Conference

The theme of the Family Connections Conference is "When Children Have Special Needs." The conference will be

June 13-16 at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, N.D.

Proposals are due March 2. Please submit online at: www.conted.und.edu/connections

Invitation

Professionals who serve children with special needs and their families are invited to submit ideas for presentations at the Family Connections Conference.

What is the Family Connections Conference?

This conference seeks to strengthen connections and enhance family support by bringing together families with children who have delays, disabilities, and chronic health needs, and the professionals who support those families.

Who should present?

Professionals who serve kids with special needs and their families are invited to present, including: educators, early interventionists, family support specialists, health professionals, social workers, childcare workers, child developmental specialists, legislators, administrators, counselors, and other professionals who provide support to families.

What should I present about?

Topics need to be relevant for both families and professionals as they have the option to attend the same sessions.

Strands / topics

Presenters should focus on the following strands/topic areas:

- * Community Development
- * Early Intervention
- * Education
- * Family Support
- * Health and Mental Health
- * Transition

All accepted two-hour concurrent session presenters also receive a complimentary full conference registration. This allows the presenter to receive admittance to all sessions and exhibits, continental breakfasts, refreshments, and CEUs (except graduate credit).

How do I submit my proposal?

For more information on how to submit a proposal, please visit www.conted.und.edu/connections.

You may also contact the office of Conference Services at 777-2663 or toll free at 866-579-2663.

Deadline:

All proposals must be submitted online and are due March 2. Notification of acceptance or denial letters will be e-mailed to you the week of March 19.

-- Robyn von Ruden, Conference Coordinator, Division of Continuing Education,
robynvonruden@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-4274

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Researcher studies effectiveness of distance therapy

The Neuropsychiatric Research Institute (NRI) in Fargo has received a major grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to continue a project aimed at helping patients in rural areas who suffer from eating disorders. James Mitchell, Fargo, will lead the study. He is president of NRI and chair and professor of clinical neuroscience at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The project, using telemedicine, allows patients to receive psychotherapy treatment that is not available in their home communities, Mitchell said.

He and his colleagues recently completed a study that shows this type of distance technology, "televised cognitive behavior therapy (CBT)," is as effective as therapy provided in person.

The researchers compared CBT delivered via telemedicine and CBT delivered in person, involving patients in rural and smaller urban areas in North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota, Mitchell said. The two methods "were equally effective and acceptable to patients, with good maintenance of treatment effects at one-year follow-up."

The new five-year grant, totaling \$2.5 million from NIH's National Institute of Mental Health, funds an effort to deliver CBT to patients with bulimia nervosa in rural settings via telemedicine. It supports researchers' efforts to compare variations in telemedicine-delivered CBT to unsupervised self-help.

"This additional study allows us to pursue our goal of developing delivery systems for effective and cost-effective intervention for patients in rural areas, where specialized treatments are usually not available," Mitchell said.

Bulimia nervosa (BN) is a prevalent form of eating disorder among late adolescent and young adult women, he said. Most practicing psychotherapists who treat patients with BN have not been adequately trained to deliver the care that has emerged as a recommended standard.

"Therefore, there appears to be a growing discrepancy between what is being used experimentally in academic centers and recommended by researchers in the field, and what is available in the community," he said.

Internationally recognized for his work in eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and obesity, Mitchell is the author of numerous books in his field of study and has written extensively for publication in scientific journals.

The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Mitchell was named in 2003 as a McCann Scholar, a prestigious honor given to a select few outstanding mentors in medicine in the United States. At UND, he holds the Lee Christoferson, M.D./Neuropsychiatric Research Institute (NRI) Chair in Neuroscience and the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professorship. The latter is the highest faculty honor bestowed by UND.

-- Shelley Pohlman, Asst. to the Director, Public Affairs, spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-4305

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New housing lottery sign up now online

The new apartment-style housing lottery form is now online. Students may access the form at <http://www.housing.und.edu>. Information regarding eligibility, rates, amenities, and lottery instructions can all be found on the web site. The lottery sign-up will run until Feb. 12 at midnight, with the draw taking place on Feb. 13. Students selected in the lottery will be allowed to choose a unit beginning Feb. 20. There is no monetary commitment until students are selected in the lottery and sign a contract.

Please contact the Housing Office at 777-4251 or housing@mail.und.edu with questions. Students may also want to read postings or submit a question on the housing blog at www.housing.und.edu/newstudenthousing.

-- Judy Sargent, Director, Residence Services, judysargent@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4251

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Invention disclosure form now revised

The Technology Transfer and Commercialization Department has revised the invention disclosure form. Researchers, staff or students wishing to submit their inventions for review should use the revised form. Please visit the department web page at www.und.edu/dept/ttc and click on the invention disclosure form link. Contact the Technology Transfer and Commercialization department with any questions regarding the revised form.

-- Jim Petell, Director, Technology Transfer & Commercialization, jimpetell@mail.und.edu, 7-6772

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Studio One resumes regular telecast schedule

Studio One will resume its regular telecast schedule Thursday, Feb. 15. The program airs live every Thursday at 5 p.m on Grand Forks Cable Channel 3. Re-broadcasts can be seen at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. daily and on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Prairie Public Television airs Studio One on Saturday at 6 a.m. The program can also be seen by viewers in Fargo, Bismarck/Mandan and Minot, N.D.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Denver, Colo.; and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Studio One is an award-winning news and information program produced at the University of North Dakota Television Center. The program, which debuted in the spring of 1987, is a one-hour telecast similar to NBC's Today or ABC's Good Morning America. Students produce news, weather, sports, and entertainment segments and interview guests ranging from local people to national and international celebrities. The show airs before a live studio audience during the fall and spring semesters. To reserve tickets or for more information, call 777-4346 or visit www.studio1.und.edu.

-- Meghan Flaagan, Director of Marketing, Television Center, meghan.flaagan@und.edu, 701-777-3818

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Wellness Center members can rate a group exercise class, win an Ipod Nano

Wellness Center Members: Rate a group exercise class and win an Ipod Nano. The Wellness Center group exercise program is seeking feedback on current class offerings for the summer and fall schedules. Attend a group exercise class and complete a review card and earn a chance to win an Ipod Nano. This opportunity will last only until Feb. 20. Cards are located in the group exercise room, Room 272/274, and at the fitness experience desk. For more information about the Wellness Center and membership opportunities, contact Kayla Effertz at 777-4762.

-- Monica Nilson, Coordinator of Group Exercise and Personal Training Specialist, Wellness, monicanilson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-0842

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Benefited employees: new updates on the Wellness Game of Life

You can now get points for working out at home. We want to encourage everyone to live a healthy lifestyle, whether you have a membership at a gym or not. That is why we are now offering 10 points per month if you workout 10 times. Just keep track of your workouts and send them to me either at Box 8365 or via e-mail.

Also, a few things to remember about the weekly preventive screenings that will be starting next Wednesday, Feb. 14, and offered at a variety of times and locations. (Full schedule is listed on the web site,

www.workwell.und.edu under the Calendar of Events)

- Screenings are offered on a drop-in basis.
- When you attend, make sure you bring both your UND ID card and your insurance ID card.
- We will test your total cholesterol, blood pressure, height, and weight.
- Plan for about 15 minutes total, but it could take longer if more people are waiting.

Remember, the screenings are free if you have taken the HRA and you can earn 20 points. If you know of any non-benefited employees who wish to get a screening, they can also attend, but there will be a \$20 charge for them.

Continue checking the web site for new additions, changes to the schedule, or announcements.

-- Amanda Eickhoff, Coordinator of Wellness, Wellness Center, amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu, 777-0210

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North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe Specials

Specials at the North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe follow.

- * Feb. 12, Entrée: Pad Thai; Soup: Piquant Prawn Soup
- * Feb. 13, Entrée: Chicken Satay; Soup: Coconut Milk Soup with Chicken
- * Feb. 14, Entrée: Stir Fry Tofu and Veggies; Soup: Piquant Prawn Soup

The Museum Café and Coffee Shop, located in the lower level of the Museum, serves a full luncheon menu from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coffee is available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Take-out is available, UND billing is accepted, and the conference room is available for luncheons. We also cater weekend and evening events, 777-4195

Visit the Museum Cafe online at <http://www.ndmoa.com/cafe.html>

-- Connie Hulst, Office Manager, North Dakota Museum of Art, chulst@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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Free soup with sandwich purchase at The Well juice bar

Have you tried "The Well" Juice and Snack Bar at the UND Wellness Center? Now is your chance to get a great lunch at a great price. Print off a coupon for free soup with the purchase of a sandwich on our web site at www.dining.und.edu. The coupon is valid Feb. 12-16 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This special is only available at The Well.

The Well is located in the atrium of the Wellness Center and serves specialties including fresh fruit smoothies, soup, sandwiches, wraps and low-fat brownies. You don't have to be a member of the Wellness Center to stop by for lunch.

-- Jeff St. Michel, Assistant Director, Dining Services, jeffreystmichel@mail.und.edu, 701-777-3823

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Support the North Dakota Museum of Art

For over 30 years, the North Dakota Museum of Art has been a cultural haven, an escape to the creative and intellectually curious University students, faculty and staff. Established in 1974 as the University Art Galleries located in the UND Student Union, it has grown into an over 900-object permanent collection. In 1985, the Museum was designated as the official state art gallery and the name was changed to the North Dakota Museum of Art. In 1996 the Museum underwent significant institutional change when UND turned over management of the Museum to an independent board of trustees under its own 501 (c) (3). UND supports the

Museum by offering the current building, utilities, and exterior building maintenance, in kind, but that does not keep the regional, national and international exhibition programs alive, the concerts performing, or the art education and outreach programs going, let alone staff salaries. We need your support.

Please consider a monthly payroll deduction to support the Museum throughout the year or increasing your current deduction. Your tax-deductible gift, no matter how big or small, ensures that the North Dakota Museum of Art can continue to grow and prosper into the coming year. Gifts support exhibitions, education, and special programming.

Thank you for your past and current support and check out what is lined up for exhibitions, concerts and events at www.ndmoa.com today.

-- Linda M. Gunderson, Director of Development, North Dakota Museum of Art, lmgunderson@ndmoa.com, 701 777-5377

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Ray Richards offers winter golf special

Ray Richards is offering a winter golf special. Buy a punch card for five rounds of golf for \$45 (\$60 value) or 10 rounds of golf for \$90 (\$120 value). Added bonus: The buyer will receive a free round of golf for every five rounds they buy. Winter golf special punch cards may be bought by stopping at the Chester Fritz Auditorium box office or by calling 777-4090. Box office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

-- Tom Swangler, Assistant Director, Chester Fritz Auditorium, tomswangler@mail.und.edu, 7-4094

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Fighting Sioux Custom Chopper giveaway is Feb. 17

The Fighting Sioux Custom Chopper will be given away at the UND men's hockey game on Saturday, Feb. 17. Time is running out. Get your raffle tickets today at the Ralph Engelstad Arena Sioux Shop or during the Fighting Sioux men's hockey games. For more info go to www.theralph.com.

-- Sommer Lockhart, Marketing Manager, Ralph Engelstad Arena, sommerl@theralph.com, 70833

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Internal job openings listed

The following position vacancies are available only to regular UND staff employees who have successfully completed their six-month probation period, earn annual and sick leave, receive BC/BS health insurance and TIAA-CREF or ND PERS retirement benefits. Current UND faculty, please contact Human Resources for eligibility.

TO APPLY: Please complete UND Application/Control Cardform. Send letter of application and resume, referencing position name and number, to: Human Resources, University of North Dakota, Twamley Hall, Room 313, 264 Centennial Drive Stop 8010, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8010. Applications MUST be received by the deadline date.

EXECUTIVE/PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE/COACHES:

POSITION: Associate Vice President for Outreach Services & Dean of Outreach Programs, #07-091
DEADLINE: Internal applicants will be considered with the external. Open Until Filled (Review of applications will begin November 15, 2006.)
SALARY: Commensurate with experience

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Records Associate, Office of the Registrar, #07-213

DEADLINE: (I) 2/13/2007

SALARY: \$25,000 - \$28,000

OFFICE SUPPORT: No current openings.

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Building Services Technician - LEAD (Custodial, variable schedule), Facilities, #07-212

DEADLINE: (I) 2/12/2007

SALARY: \$18,000 - \$25,000

-- Jan Orvik, Writer/Editor, University Relations, janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3621

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IN THE NEWS

Jason Uhlir receives state award

Jason Uhlir received the North Dakota Safety Council's Outstanding Safety Professional award in Bismarck Feb. 6. Uhlir is a triple graduate of the Department of Technology with a BSIT, BSOSEH, and MSIT. He has progressed from serving as a work-study student at UND through several positions in the UND Safety Office to Director of Safety and Security at UND. He teaches as an adjunct professor in the OSEH program and serves on several local emergency management committees, Northern Occupational Safety and Health board, and the UND Technology Department advisory board. His commitment to safety and health at UND and the community for over 16 years was justly rewarded. Congratulations to one of our own, a bright and shining example of what our alumni can accomplish. -- Ray Diez, assistant professor of technology.

-- Jan Orvik, Writer/Editor, University Relations, janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3621

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